

Town of Haysi
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting
January 04, 2011, @ 7:00 p.m.

The January 4, 2011 the regular meeting of the Haysi Town Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Haysi Town Hall Municipal Building located at 322 Main Street, Haysi, Virginia.

The following members were present:

Mayor Larry Yates
Vice Mayor Michael Harris
Council Members: Johnnie Branham, Dianna Reedy, Barry Whitt, Rocky Wood,
and Joe Sperow

ITEMS # I & II

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Yates. Chief Wallace offered invocation.

ITEM # III - APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

At this time Mayor Yates asked Council for any additions or changes to the agenda. Mayor Yates requested the following changes:

Old business: Remove item C- Downtown Revitalization Project
(Revolving Loan Pool Program Design)

New business: Add item A-Resolution 2011-01-Recreational Trails
Program Resolution.

With no further additions or changes the motion was made by Council Member Dianna Reedy second by Council Member Johnnie Branham to approve the agenda with the changes as stated. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM # IV – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Prior to the meeting, Council had received for consideration of approval a copy of the prepared, December 7, 2010 Minutes of the Town Council Meeting. A motion was made by Council Member Rocky Wood seconded by Council Member Johnnie Branham to approve the December 7, 2010 minutes. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM # V – FINANCIAL REPORT

Mayor Yates mentioned the December bank statement has not been received. When the town receives the statement, Vice Mayor Mike Harris and I will review the statement and initial.

At this time the Council was presented the following for approval:

- Current listing of payables due for January 2011
- December 2010 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- December 2010 itemized listing of expenditures including checks 10060-10083 and check 10092
- December 2010 Profit & Loss Report

After inspection of the December 2010 financial report, a motion was made by Council Member Diana Reedy and seconded by Council Member Rocky Wood to accept the December 2010 revenue and expenditures and financial report as presented. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM # VI – OLD BUSINESS

A-Police Department Activity Report

Chief George Wallace reported the month of December was busy month. He reported the following activities:

Traffic Summons	16
Vehicle Stops	19
Assist Motorist	05
Warrants Served	01
Accident Investigations	03
Incident Reports	05

Chief Wallace added the town had installed approximately \$5450.00 worth of new equipment, an in car camera for the SUV, and a new radar unit. The equipment was fully funded by a DMV Grant. The town paid for the equipment, in return DMV reimburses the town. Also, the DMV Grant paid for ten hours of overtime in November and ten hours overtime in December, which will also be returned to the town.

Mayor Yates asked has all the funds from the Rural Development Grant been used?

Chief Wallace replied, all but \$579.00, and the department is going to purchase a brush guard for the SUV.

B-Animal Control Ordinance

Mayor Yates said the council had received additional information on the animal control ordinance. He mention what he would like to do is take the original ordinance discussed in October 2010, and add a section to the ordinance on cats. A cat owner will have to provide documentation of vaccination proven ownership of a cat, and if the person cannot prove ownership, then the cat can be sent to the pound.

Council Member Dianna Reedy asked is the town going to implement in the ordinance how many cats a person shall keep.

Mayor Yates replied, this can be done, but it is up to the council. I can tell you that this did not work in the Town of Clinchco, and the Town of Clintwood is getting ready to try to do the same.

Council Member Rocky Wood commented, he thinks the cat issue could be controlled with the town ordinance.

Mayor Yates stated the following could be added to the ordinance: No person shall own, keep or harbor any cat over (4) months of age within the town unless such cat has been vaccinated against rabies. The owner of each cat shall keep in his possession the certificate of vaccination and shall display such certificate upon request of any animal control officer, police officer, or official of the health department. He said he hopes the will help resolve the cat problem.

Council Member Rocky Wood commented if the ordinance is not working, then the council can revisit the issue and amend the ordinance.

Mayor Yates stated he would have the ordinance ready for a public hearing in February.

Council Member Johnnie Branham asked cats must be at least four (4) months old?

Mayor Yates replied, "Yes"

With no further discussion, a public hearing for the animal control ordinance will be held February 1, 6:45 PM, prior to the February regular meeting.

VII-MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Yates updated the council on the Downtown Revitalization Project. He said the Revolving Loan Pool Program Design is still being worked on, and People Inc. has a good program put together or this project.

Mayor Yates asked Ramona Duncan to update the council on the town's personnel policy.

Ramona Duncan reported she had received copies from different entities, and hopes to have the policy ready for the personnel policy committee to review by the first of March.

Mayor Yates said he had been working with Jim Baldwin, CPPD, on a couple of funding opportunities to go along with the revitalization project. The town has applied for ARC funding to help with design and economic study for the projected visitor's center which would be located in the old theater building, also this week the town is getting ready to apply to Department of Conservation/Recreation for funding for the Riverfront Trail. He added a group of students from the University of Indiana will be in town from March 6-12 to help with the riverfront clean-up. The volunteer work will go toward the town's in-kind match on the DCR grant.

Council Member Johnnie Branham asked, "Who is doing the design on the walking trail?"

Mayor Yates replied, Hill Studios.

VIII-COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Rocky Wood asked is there any new information on TV cable for the town residence?

Mayor Yates replied, "No, I do know the county pulled K & V Cable franchises."

Council Member Rocky Wood asked if there was anything the town can do to get K & V to remove there cables.

Mayor Yates replied the county had a contract with K & V, not the town.

Council Member Rocky Wood inquired about the availability of BVU internet service.

Mayor Yates replied, he thought the service is available, in some areas, and other areas some issues needs to be worked out.

Council Member Barry Whitt said between Haysi High School and E & S Grocery additional 35 mph speed limit signs are needed between the two areas.

Council Member Joe Sperow asked were does the speed limit sign change to 25 mph coming down the new road?

Chief Wallace replied when you turn onto the bridge at the high school.

Council Member Joe Sperow said he would like to see the 25 mph extend past the flea market area on Route 80.

Mayor Yates said he had met with Jeff Sams, VDOT, in December and that was one of the issues discussed, but no reply has been received.

Mayor Yates suggested for any council member or citizen who has a road concern to fill-out the VDOT Highway Safety Concern Forms located on the town's web page.

Council Member Joe Sperow request the town web site be added to each monthly packet

Mayor Yates replied this would not be a problem.

Council Member Johnnie Branham mentioned the town is not getting any results from the forest land group for a park.

Mayor Yates replied, "No, we are not, but I have an ideal. I have been doing some research and hope to meet with DMLR. I have found there is funds available for abandon mine reclamation. Last year Virginia was appropriated seven million dollars. This year federal funds available should be approximate 413 million dollars to be divided between 32 states. Last year Virginia was awarded between seven and eight million. If the town could receive a small portion of this money it would allow the town to hire a contractor to recovery the mineral, and also work with forest land this might get the project started."

IX-NEW BUISINESS

A. RECREATIONAL TRAIL RESOLUTION-2011-01

Mayor Yates explained this is part of the DCR grant. He said this project is approximately a \$140,000.00 project. He mentioned under item 3 of the resolution, items one -five would be used for as follows:

1. Design work and engineering.
2. Volunteer labor
3. Landowner easements
4. Line of Credit
5. 80-20 reimbursement - With the in-kind volunteer labor, easements, and Community Development Block Grant the town portion of the grant will be covered.

He stated if the town is award the grant money, they would pay the invoice, and then apply for reimbursement.

Council Member Johnnie Branham asked does an easements need to be signed before the design of the trail is in place?

Mayor Yates replied the land owner would not have to sign an actual easement, before the design work could begin. What the town is asking of the property owner at this time is a commitment to support the town building the Riverfront Trail.

Council Member Johnnie Branham mentioned if a property owner gives an easement, then the design may remove items that should not be removed.

Mayor Yates said once funding is received and design is developed, a new conveyance in the property owners deed will be on record in the county courthouse.

Council Member Johnnie Branham will this be in conjunction with the gas company?

Mayor Yates replied it is to his understanding the gas lines are going to be laid more or less in the streets.

With no further discussion the motion was made by Council Member Dianna Reedy and seconded by Council Member Johnnie Branham to approve the resolution for the Recreational Trails Program. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

X-PUBLIC COMMENTS

Anita Belcher was concerned with the speed limit from the intersection of Route 80 and Route 83 above the Haysi Funeral Home. She said right now the speed limit is 25 mph why is this?

Chief Wallace replied due this being a business and residential area this section of the town needs to remain at 25 mph. Also, especially with the traffic at Valero's

Anita Belcher suggested guard rail be installed below Valero's. She said in this area lighting and site distance is poor. Also, below the Church of Christ guard rail is needed.

XI-ADJOURNMENT

With no further business the motion was made by Council Member Johnnie Branham and seconded by Council Member Joe Sperow to adjourn the meeting. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

Larry D. Yates, Mayor

Attest:

Clerk

